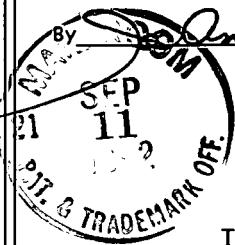


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Attorney Docket No. 15422-70

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: )  
HIGUCHI et al. ) Examiner: R. Prouty  
Serial No.: 07/695,201 ) Art Unit: 1814  
Filed: May 2, 1991 ) PETITION TO EXTEND TIME  
For: HOMOGENEOUS METHODS FOR )  
NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION )  
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Sir:

Applicants petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed March 10, 1992. An appropriate response to the Office Action in the form of an Amendment is enclosed herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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kit claims directed to PCR buffers containing intercalating were not suggested by the art and thus are nonobvious.

Applicant believes that all the extant rejections have been fully addressed and overcome by amendment and argument.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned attorney.

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